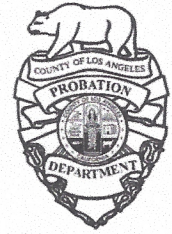




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**Executive Summary**

Our commission staff assistant Monica Garcia from Special Projects Juvenile & Adult Field Services left us on September 28<sup>th</sup>. She served the commission well and will be missed. I hope the Probation Department will replace her with someone comparable in skills and temperament.

The Los Angeles County Probation Commission will continue to fulfill its mandate under the provisions of the California Welfare and Institutions Code 229; Which is to annually inspect juvenile camps and halls in Los Angeles County to assure compliance with applicable laws and regulations regarding the health, safety, welfare, and education of juveniles at these facilities. The Commission will continue to draft inspection reports and identify deficiencies and submit findings to the Chief Probation Officer for review and corrective action. In addition, copies of those reports will be submitted to the Bureau of State and Community Corrections for further oversight.

The Commission will also continue to execute its responsibility to advise the Chief Probation Officer of the Los Angeles County Probation Department to proactively seek to maximize opportunities which positively impact the behavior of probationers by providing them with educational and vocational services, and access to health and mental health services that will build upon the strengths and capabilities of probationers, their families, and communities through inter-governmental and multi-agency cooperation.

Some of our other projects for 2018 are:

- Continued monitoring of conditions at Central Juvenile Hall and advocating for the replacement of the facility to assure a safe and healthy environment for youth and staff.
- Advocating for dedicated facilities and resources within the department for youth suffering from mental illness.
- Conducting routine reviews of data surrounding the use of force and pepper spray within Probation Department camps and halls and advocating for improved training and oversight of line staff and the humane treatment of those under the care and custody of the department.
- Ongoing review the Probation Department's grievance process for minors, parents and guardians and provide solutions for reform to assure all grievances are handled in a manner that would prevent incidents of abuse within Probation Department facilities.
- Study the feasibility of doing group home inspections under 229.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.
- Reviewing and recommending educational or vocational opportunities for youth in camps who already have a diploma or have completed their GED.
- Reviewing transportation issues for parents to improve parental engagement with their children in camps.



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I commend Chief McDonald and her leadership staff for their efforts to be transparent and positively change the culture of the Probation Department. Chief McDonald has monumental challenges ahead. We, the members of the Probation Commission look forward to collaborating with her and her leadership staff to improve the Probation Department and assure the humane treatment of minors under the department's care and custody.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Gardner", is written over the printed name.

Joe Gardner, President  
Los Angeles County Probation Commission